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Washington, DC 20554

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The convergence of computer and video technology can be a powerful driver in the economy. Do not stifle this growth by allowing Hollywood to control and dominate the market. Remember their cry over the introduction of VHS? Yet that drove their business to new levels. Digital video has the same potential, and should be controlled by the user.

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Dear Michael Copps:

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

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Jack Collins  
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Thank You for your attention to this matter

Rob Royse

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Dear Commissioner Copps:

I truly believe that the "broadcast flag" will restrict the ways that I currently watch television. I want to be able to space-shift and time-shift any television show that is broadcast over public airwaves into my home.

Additionally, I believe that the Broadcast flag will give too much power to the MPAA - allowing them to dictate "acceptable" technological progress through the approval of various restriction mechanisms.

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Robert Schommer, Woodinville, WA

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